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## **WPD Chosen for National Public Safety Partnership Program**

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) announces confirmation of WPD joining the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) as part of the 2019 cohort.

"I am pleased that Wichita was chosen as one of 10 cities nationwide to participate in the Department of Justice's National Public Safety Partnership program, which will establish federal partnerships with state, local and tribal agencies to pursue violent criminals, specifically those involved in gun crime; drug trafficking; and gang violence in Wichita and Sedgwick County," said Sen. Moran. "As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Department of Justice, I remain committed to making certain that Kansas law enforcement agencies have the resources they need to enhance public safety and strengthen the partnerships that are vital to the health and well-being of our communities."

As a PSP site, Wichita will receive coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) from federal partners. This will come through peer-to-peer learning, focused discussions exploring effective violence reduction strategies and coordination.

"The WPD is optimistic of this opportunity and embrace the chance to more effectively address violent crime," WPD Chief Gordon Ramsay said. "The WPD appreciates Sen. Moran's support in helping this opportunity come to fruition."

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